



Kids Club

Leader Guide

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Week 3

December 21, 2025



Schedule:

- 1. Welcome & Connection (10 minutes)**
Kids check in, play together, and connect with leaders. Encourage older kids to include younger ones.
- 2. Group Gather & Bible Focus (10 minutes)**
Short lesson with Scripture and discussion.
- 3. Leadership & Practice (15 minutes)**
Empower older kids to lead and model spiritual habits while everyone practices engaging with Scripture and prayer together.
- 4. Group Activity or Project (10 minutes)**
Reinforce the truth that God has a plan through creative, hands-on fun and meaningful discussion.
- 5. Wrap-Up & Structured Free Play (10 minutes)**
Review the main point, pray together, and give an optional take-home challenge.

Series Overview

This week begins our Christmas series, “God’s Plan to Save the World.” Kids will learn that even when things feel uncertain, God always has a plan—and that plan was to send Jesus. The goal is to help kids see how Jesus’ birth is part of God’s big story of love and rescue. This lesson balances short teaching time, interactive elements, and structured play to foster relationships and leadership within the mixed-age group.

Lesson

Lesson 3: The Good News

Bible Verse: Luke 2:10-11

Bottom Line: The good news of Jesus is for everyone!

Lesson Overview: This lesson is about how the birth of Jesus is good news of great joy for all people! We’ll be taking a look at how, on the night of Jesus’ birth, God sent an angel to tell some nearby shepherds about the baby. By choosing these shepherds, He not only revealed something about Jesus’ identity, but He also revealed that this good news is truly for everyone!

Memory Verse (Series): John 1:14 (NLT)

Supplies

- Bible
- Bottom Line Poster
- Pool noodle
- Soft balls (foam or ball pit balls)
- Basket or bin
- Tape to mark a throwing line
- Optional: crayons and paper for an alternate project

Welcome & Connection (10 min)

Goal: Help kids settle in, build relationships, and prepare to engage.

- Free play stations open (coloring, games, Legos, etc.)
- Leader greets each child by name.
- Encourage older kids to help younger ones find an activity.
- Optional: Play fun Christmas music in the background.

SAY: "Welcome to Kids Club. I am glad you are here. Today we are talking about good news. Not regular news. Not boring news. Joyful news that God wanted everyone to hear."

Group Gather & Bible Focus (10 min)

Goal: Explore Luke 2:10 to 11 with simple discussion and engagement.

(Hold up your Bible.)

SAY: "Come on in close. Shake your arms out. Wiggle your toes. Take one big breath in. Ready. Tonight we travel to a field at night where something surprising happened.

Imagine you are a shepherd in the dark. It is quiet. Your sheep are snoring. Then boom. An angel appears. Not a tiny cute angel. A huge and glowing one."

READ: Luke 2:10 to 11

"But the angel said to them, Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord."

ASK: "If you were the shepherds, what would your face look like right now?"
Let kids react with silly faces."

(Allow responses.)

Show Bottom Line Poster

SAY: "God could have told kings or soldiers or people in fancy clothes. He chose shepherds who slept outside and smelled like sheep. That tells us something important. God wanted everyone to hear the good news."

ASK: "Why do you think God wanted the message to go to people like the shepherds first?" let kids answer.

SAY: "Yes, the good news of Jesus is for everyone!"

Leadership & Practice (10 min)

Goal: Empower older kids to lead and model spiritual habits while everyone practices engaging with Scripture and prayer together.

Part 1: Memory Verse Activity – Jump and Echo (6-7 min)

Verse: Isaiah 7:14

SAY: "Our memory verse reminds us of the moment God came close to us. We will learn it in a fun way today."

- Older kids stand up front as leaders.
- They say one phrase of the verse.
- Everyone jumps once and echoes the phrase back.
- Go through the entire verse.

Add some fun variations:

- Whisper the verse.
- Say it in a slow motion voice.
- Say it in a happy Christmas voice.
- Choose a kid to lead a round with actions.

SAY(Celebrate!):Awesome job, everyone! You are learning that God came to be with us!

Part 2: Prayer Practice – Pass the Sheep (7-8 min)

Use a small stuffed animal or imaginary sheep.

SAY:"The good news is for everyone. We will pray for people who need to hear that God loves them."

- Sit in a circle.
- Pass the pretend sheep around the circle.
- When a child is holding it, they pray one short sentence.

Prompts for kids:

- "God, help my friend know You love them."
- "God, thank You for sending Jesus."
- "God, please help our family trust You."

Close in prayer.

Group Activity or Project (10 min)

Goal: Reinforce the truth that God has a plan through creative, hands-on fun and meaningful discussion.

Game: Protect the Sheep

SAY: Shepherds did not only watch sheep. They protected them. Today you get to be the protector.

Set Up:

- The basket is the sheep.
- The pool noodle is the shepherd's staff.
- The line on the floor is where the throwers stand.

Directions:

- One child becomes the shepherd and guards the basket.
- Everyone else stands behind the line with soft balls.
- They try to toss balls into the basket.
- The shepherd uses the noodle to keep them out.
- The shepherd cannot block with their body or hands.
- After time is up, count how many got in.
- Rotate shepherds.

Add fun with playful narration:

- **"Shepherd down. Grab a new one."**
- **"Those sheep are counting on you."**
- **"Throwers, warm up those arms."**

While kids take turns, ASK:

- **"Why do you think the shepherds were the first to hear the news?"**
- **"How can you share the good news this week?"**

Wrap-Up & Structured Free Play (10 min)

Goal: Review the main point, pray together, and end with joyful connection time.

Wrap-Up Circle (3–4 min)

Gather everyone in a circle before free play begins. Make it fun!

SAY: "Before we play, let's remember what we learned. The good news of Jesus is for everyone."

ASK:

- "Who can you share the good news with this week?"
- "Where do you want to remember that God is with you?"

PRAY: God, thank You for sending the best news the world has ever heard. Please help us share it with joy. Amen.

Transition to Christmas Categories (4 to 5 minutes)

SAY: "Let's play a quick game before free play. Christmas Categories. When I say a category, you say something that fits."

Categories:

- Christmas animals
- Christmas treats
- Things in a nativity
- Christmas sounds
- Christmas decorations

Add silliness:

- "Say your answer in a tiny mouse voice."
- "Say it in your most excited Christmas voice."

Transition to Free Play (remaining time)

SAY: "You did a great job today. It is time for free play. Choose something fun and help someone else have fun too. Older kids, look for someone younger to include."